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UT to help Austin conserve energy

By Amanda Voeller
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On Thursday, the Austin City Council authorized a \$50,000 two-year contract with the UT faculty and a graduate student to help the Austin Water Utility reduce energy consumption and costs.

Mechanical engineering assistant professor Michael Webber, and Carey King, research associate of the UT Energy Institute, will team up with Jill Kjellsson, engineering and public affairs

graduate student to study the energy used by Austin Water at specific times of day in order to maximize efficiency.

Webber, the project leader, said he is pleased with the city's interest in energy conservation.

"This is unusual for a utility to be this forward-looking, so I want to commend and compliment Austin Water for having the vision that this is important," Webber said.

Kjellsson began working with Austin Water in the summer of 2012, using data

to create hourly energy-use profiles to show what time of day electricity is being used by the city's water sector. She began working with Webber later that year.

"My plan is to use the research so far to look at ways in which the Austin Water Utility can participate in the power market through demand response and shifting of peak energy use to other times of day," Kjellsson said.

Kjellsson said there are

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The largest energy consumer in the city, Austin Water Utility has commissioned UT mechanical engineering professor Michael Webber to help reduce energy consumption and costs.

POLICE

Higher cost for drunk drivers on Labor Day

By Alberto Long
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The Austin Police Department is bracing itself for Labor Day weekend with safety initiatives that will ban the use of personal watercraft on Lake Travis and levy harsher penalties for drunk driving and public intoxication.

According to senior police officer Veneza Bremner, APD will enforce a "no-refusal" initiative for the weekend to curb drunk driving. The initiative will run from 9 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Tuesday. It will allow officers to take a blood or breath sample from suspects who refuse a Breathalyzer test at the scene and will institute harsher punishment for those whose blood alcohol concentration is at or above .15.

Those found operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of .15 or above will be charged with a Class A Misdemeanor, which is punishable by a maximum sentence of one-year confinement in jail and a \$4,000 fine for first-time offenders. The usual penalty for a first time driving while intoxicated offense is \$2,000.

"APD is focused on saving lives on the streets and highways of Austin and making Austin roadways safe for everyone through education and enforcement," the department said in a statement.

Cindy Posey, spokeswoman for UTPD, said the department will continue to enforce DWI laws as usual but will not participate in the "no-refusal" initiative with APD.

Leigh Larson, an international relations and global studies sophomore and member of

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ART

Neon artist to restore iconic mural

By Claire Gordon & Hannah Smothers
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Countless photos commemorating visits to the capital city feature the words "Greetings From Austin" painted in the background. The mural on the south side of Roadhouse Relics is as iconic as the "Hi, How Are You" frog on the Drag or the "I love you so much," art scrawled on the side of a South Congress cafe. But at 15 years old, the mural is faded and paint flakes off in large chunks, which is why Todd Sanders, owner of Roadhouse Relics, a neon art gallery, started a fundraising campaign to restore the mural he helped create.

Sanders, a soft-spoken man with a slow Texas drawl and piercing blue eyes, founded Roadhouse Relics in 1997. After moving into the building, local artists Bill Brakhage and Rory Skagen, who lived across the street, came to Sanders



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Former welder and hot rod builder Todd Sanders now fabricates vintage neon decor out of his gallery and workshop Roadside Relics. Sanders shies away from the computer and relies on specialized techniques to create hand-crafted metal and neon art.

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Obama's college ranking plan for financial aid would benefit UT

By Jacob Kerr
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Under a proposal made last week by the Obama administration in which universities nationwide would be compared against one another for financial aid, UT officials said the University would rank well, resulting in increased financial aid for students.

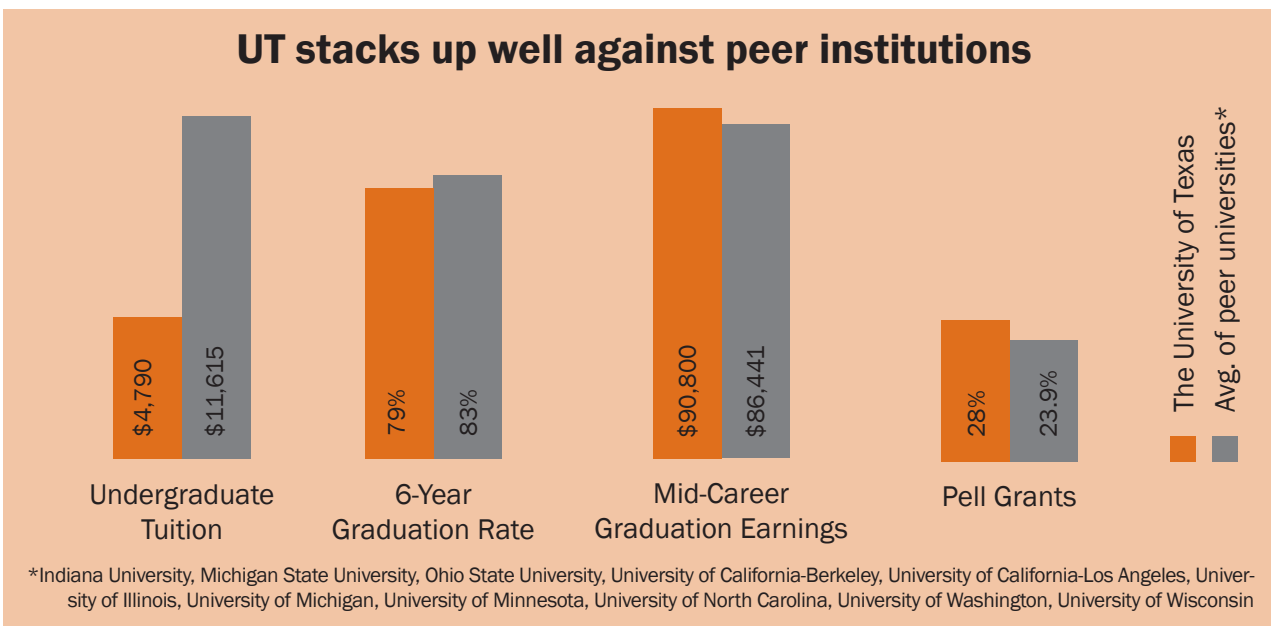
President Barack Obama's higher education plan would rank colleges and universities and allocate financial aid according to the rankings. The plan, aimed to be in place by 2018, will be administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

The ratings system would use categories such as the percentage of financially needy students admitted, college affordability and other metrics to determine financial aid

distribution, according to a White House statement. The ranking system would compare colleges and universities of similar missions to fairly evaluate them within the same category. This would mean state universities and community colleges would not be compared side-by-side. The preliminary plan will need to be passed by both houses of Congress to take effect.

According to Thomas Melecki, UT director of Student Financial Services, the University stacks up well against its peer institutions. Compared to other state flagship universities, a large percentage of UT students receive Pell Grants, given by the federal government to low-income students who qualify.

The University also has a lower tuition rate than many of its peer institutions. In the 2011-12 school year, the University's average in-state tuition was



\$9,790, which was lower than many other flagship universities such as the University of California-Berkeley, The Ohio State University and the University of

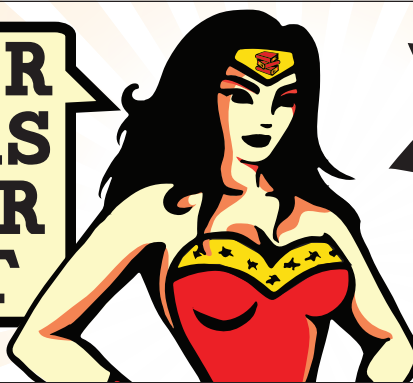
Michigan-Ann Arbor. "There are a lot of things here that suggest to me that we would score very well on any kind of data the government

puts together," Melecki said. "The extent that that will turn into more and better financial aid for our students, that will be a huge help to our body."

Joshua Tang, administrative director for Student Government, said if the University

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Two men work out at Zilker Park on Thursday afternoon.

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students in other departments at UT working on optimizing and improving water-treatment technologies.

“The \$50,000 will help cover part of the costs associated with graduate research assistant stipends and tuition,” Webber said.

“There are a lot of people who study water and a lot who study energy, but I don’t think there are a lot of people studying how much energy is in water,” Webber said. “Nationally, more energy is used for water than people expect — about 12 percent of energy consumption is water pumping.”

Jill Mayfield, Austin Water’s public information coordinator, said water and energy usage is greatest at night when the water is

pumped into the reservoirs to be treated.

Austin Water is the largest energy user in Austin because the water treatment pumps consume so much energy, so the city is constantly looking for ways to reduce its peak energy demand, Mayfield said.

Before the project begins, the agreement must be signed by the assistant city manager and the University’s vice president, said Raj Bhattarai, City of Austin division manager.

“I don’t foresee any complications,” Bhattarai said. “We’ve entered into other contracts with other professors at UT ... we do a number of other projects with UT. It should be pretty straight forward, pretty routine.”

In October 2011, the City of Austin switched to a more expensive but renewable

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—Michael Webber, mechanical engineering assistant professor

energy provider, Green-Choice, which costs about \$5 million more than the city’s previous energy provider that used 85 percent more greenhouse gases, Bhattarai said.

“Even a modest saving in energy would be quite substantial for us, so that’s the reason we’re doing this project,” Bhattarai said.

Bhattarai said the contract stipulates Webber and his team will brief Austin Water Utility up to four times each

year for the duration of the project.

Webber said the research will benefit not only the City of Austin, but also the students at UT.

“This research report helps UT students understand the energy-water nexus better,” Kjellsson said. “Energy and water are linked in many ways, and this research addresses one of those ways — the energy used to move and treat water and wastewater.”

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Zeta Tau Alpha, said many of her fellow sorority members avoid the downtown area during long holidays. Larson urges students drinking downtown to consider their options before taking a safety risk or driving drunk.

“Let someone know where you are going. Never walk alone and call a cop, friend or taxi [to get home],” Larson said.

Larson also said she thinks the party atmosphere associated with the long weekend could potentially be unsafe and that many of

her friends will avoid the area for that reason.

“When there [are] that many people downtown, unless a fraternity opens a bar tab, many sorority girls won’t go to Sixth Street for safety reasons,” Larson said. “It’s a precautionary measure to keep the girls safe.”

The APD’s lake patrol unit will prohibit the use and operation of personal watercraft, wet bikes, motorized surfboards and similar devices on Lake Austin beginning Friday night. The ban will last until Tuesday. Non-motorized devices such as kayaks, canoes and paddleboards may still be used.

In a press release, the department said the annual ban on personal watercraft is necessary to ensure the safety of the large number of people that make use of the lake and parks over Labor Day weekend.

According to data sets provided by Lisa Cortinas, a public information specialist for APD, last year’s Labor Day weekend yielded 94 DWI arrests, 33 breath samples, 61 blood draws and 11 mandatory blood draws. Fifty-three percent of arrestees refused to give breath or blood samples and 65 percent of all breath samples were .15 or higher.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

South Texas counties lack health insurance

Two South Texas counties have among the highest rates of people without health insurance in the nation, with working Hispanic men in South Texas the most likely to not have coverage, according to data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hidalgo County has the highest rate among urban counties at 38.9 percent, and Maverick County has the highest rate among medium-sized counties at 35.1 percent.

The five counties with more than 25,000 residents that had the highest uninsured rates were all in South Texas ranging from 34.6 percent in Starr County to 38.9 percent in Hidalgo County. For Eddie Olivarez, chief administrative officer of Hidalgo County’s Health and Human Services Department, the numbers were all too familiar.

“We always wind up being one, two or three,” Olivarez said.

The rate is the result of the county’s transition from an agriculture-based economy to a service-oriented one, and its location on the Texas-Mexico border, Olivarez said. Hidalgo has a fast-growing population, but not the kinds of jobs that offer private health insurance.

“Texas measures its health care success by the options that are provided for coverage, and the efforts to create ones that are affordable,” Gov. Rick Perry spokesman Josh Havens said. “Medicaid is a broken system, and we think it would be irresponsible to expand a program that is unsustainable.”

Perry has instead called on the federal government to provide Texas with all of the available federal funds for Medicaid without any strings attached. Perry rejected a federal proposal to expand the existing Medicaid system with the federal government providing \$100 billion over the next 10 years in return for the state spending \$15 billion.

In the meantime, the Rio Grande Valley is pinning much of its hope on the planned UT medical school. The area’s hospitals and municipalities have banded together to drive the project with the idea that the new doctors it will churn out will increase access to health care, Olivarez said.

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Grant funds research for Latino experience

By David Engleman
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Latino graduation rates and college engagement will be a new focus of the College of Education after The Kresge Foundation and the Greater Texas Foundation awarded the program two grants totaling \$437,000.

The research will aim to develop an action plan to address the low transfer rate of Latino students from community colleges to four-year universities and the challenges Latino students face when they transfer. The research will be conducted by the Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE) in the College of Education's Department of Educational Administration and will analyze data from CCCSE surveys and the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

Kay McClenney, the director of the CCCSE, said all students face challenges when they transfer from community colleges to four-year universities but those challenges are "exacerbated with subgroups of students who are more likely to be first-generation college students, more likely to have graduated from high schools with inadequate counseling support, [and] more likely to rely on financial aid." McClenney also said Latinos face additional problems when they transfer to universities that are less ethnically diverse than their community colleges. "Attention needs to be paid to matters involving cultural heritage and identity, so that students

can quickly come to feel that they are socially, as well as educationally, connected with their college," McClenney said.

While the CCCSE and the NSSE have been providing universities and community colleges with data for years on these issues, this latest project increases the emphasis on pairs of universities and community colleges between which many students transfer. Angela Valenzuela, a professor in the College of Education and the director of the Texas Center for Education Policy, said it is important to identify the achievement gap as an "opportunity gap" rooted in underprivileged circumstances. Valenzuela and McClenney both identified financial circumstances and poor schools earlier in Latino students' lives as causes for this gap.

Daniel McFarlane, biology senior and president of the Transfer Student Association, said the transition to the University is a "complete culture shock" for transfer students.

"It's like going from 13th grade to an entirely different world," McFarlane said.

McClenney emphasized the importance of the research saying that the issue needed serious attention.

"In Texas, our future — in terms of both fiscal prosperity and societal health — truly depends on our commitment to ensure that much larger numbers of Latino students progress successfully through the public school system, through the community colleges and on to completion of a baccalaureate degree," McClenney said.

CITY

Fast food workers protest low wages

By Cyrus Huncharek
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More than 100 students, fast food workers and community members picketed across the Drag as part of a nationwide campaign for higher wages Thursday. Fast food workers in Austin and 50 other urban centers nationwide held rallies and protests with the main goal of raising the federal minimum wage to \$15. The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour.

Among the crowd was Maria Ortiz, a current Long John Silver's employee. Ortiz, who works at the restaurant's Riverside location, said she was motivated to attend the rally because of her current economic situation.

"I want more wages to provide for my family," Ortiz said. "I'm a single mom and need to provide." Though event organizers said some fast-food workers were hesitant to attend the rally for fear of losing their jobs, Ortiz said she was not taking a risk by participating.

"My director of operations



Activists marched on Guadalupe Street on Thursday afternoon in protest of low employee wages in the fast food industry. Their objective is to raise minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Marshal Nolen
Daily Texan Staff

at Long John Silver's said I was good to do what I want," she said.

Jose Rodriguez, a former Fuddruckers employee, said he shared the frustration about wages he perceives as much too low.

"I don't think that \$7.25 makes any sense," Rodriguez said. "In fact, I don't even think \$8 makes any sense. I demand higher wages." Also among the crowd were UT employees, who said they were sympathetic to the fast food workers' frustrations.

Rocio Villalobos, a program coordinator at the University's Multicultural Engagement Center, said she supports the movement because of personal experiences.

"I grew up in a working class family, my father worked two jobs to provide and my mother worked long hours for minimal pay," Villalobos said. "I empathize with these worker's struggles."

In addition to requesting higher wages, protesters

demanding the right to form a worker's union without fear of reprimand.

Kelly Booker, an information studies graduate student and member of the Texas State Employees Union, said she protested because she felt passionate about unionization.

"Our union is the reason graduate students now have health care benefits, and we just wanted to show our support for fast food unions by coming out today," Booker said.

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bodes well under the ratings system, it would improve the value of a UT degree for all students.

"If we can incentivize better physical management of higher education and boost academic performance of the students who receive financial aid, I think that can go a long way to solving some of the educational insecurities in our country," Tang said.

Under the Obama plan, graduation rates would also be factored into the proposed ratings system. In a statement last week, UT spokeswoman Tara Doolittle said the University's focus on students' long-term success will be rewarded when UT is ranked on the new system.

"We currently have initiatives in place to boost our four-year graduation rates, which are already the highest in the state, and our six-year graduation rates are on par with our national peers," Doolittle said in a statement.

Doolittle also said the University was supportive of the incentive-based financial aid as long as the institutions were graded on appropriate data.

According to Melecki, a large number of UT students would benefit from more financial aid due to rising living costs in Austin.

"The cost of going to the UT-Austin keeps rising, not because of what UT-Austin is doing. What's driving the cost of going to UT-Austin up is being in Austin," Melecki said. "Austin is the most expensive



Jorge Corona / Daily Texan file photo

President Barack Obama proposed a plan that would distribute financial aid for higher education based on a rating system.

city in Texas in which to rent." Melecki said that students should pay attention as legislation from ideas set forth in the Obama plan is debated in Congress.

"The president has begun a

dialogue; the question is how that dialogue will end up," Melecki said. "There may be changes in this that may or may not serve our student body well. [Students] need to pay attention to this."

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EDITORIAL

On September 1, New Laws for Higher Ed

This Sunday, many of the laws approved by the Texas Legislature in the 83rd session will go into effect. Below, the Daily Texan editorial board has picked out some of the most important laws, whose passage (or, in the case of Tuition Revenue Bonds, failure to pass) will affect UT students.

CONCEALED CARRY

Senate Bill 1907, authored by Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, will allow licensed concealed handguns to be kept in locked vehicles on college campuses. The bill falls short of allowing the possession of concealed handguns on one’s person, which several legislators attempted to pass during the 83rd legislative session. Regardless of one’s personal views on concealed handguns, the new law will probably not have a major impact on day-to-day life at UT. Those opposed to any and all concealed handguns on campus, however, finally have a reason to feel good about the general unavailability of parking around the 40 Acres.

NEW LIMITS FOR THE THECB

Senate Bill 215, authored by Sen. Bryan Birdwell, R-Granbury, and Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, limits the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s authority to expressly granted powers. The THECB oversees public higher education in the state. The bill allows the board to continue operating but takes away some of its powers, including the ability to discontinue degree programs. It also requires the board to consult more closely with the individual institutions in decision-making processes. The measure tinkers with financial aid as well, transferring to the board the responsibility for providing financial aid services. It also gives institutions of higher education discretion to set the amount of individual B-on-Time loans. The broad push for greater autonomy in financial and educational decisions will hopefully protect students from uninformed decisions made off campus.

FOUR YEAR GRADUATION

Senate Bill 1531, authored by Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, requires colleges to provide incoming students with information comparing the average total cost of graduating in four, five and six years, and estimating the average earnings lost in an extra year or two spent in school instead of the workforce. The bill also requires that students be provided with tips to graduate in four years. The bill fits in line with current University policy, which has consistently emphasized four-year-graduation in recent years.

TUITION REVENUE BONDS

Despite efforts from legislators to come to a compromise and consistent lobbying efforts from groups such as the Texas Exes, tuition revenue bonds were never added to the call by Gov. Rick Perry. Tuition revenue bonds are the funding mechanism for campus construction projects across the state, and their failure to pass means that funding for more than 60 campus construction projects across the state, including UT’s much-hoped-for Engineering Education and Research Center, will have to wait until the 84th session. In the meantime, UT and all the other institutions that were counting on the bonds coming through will have to struggle to find alternate funding sources for these much-needed projects.

THE FIRING LINE

The new Friday Firing Line:
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Every Friday, the Daily Texan editorial board will publish a selection of tweets and online comments culled from the Daily Texan website and the various Daily Texan Twitter accounts, along with direct submissions from readers.

Our intention is to continue the tradition of the Firing Line, a column first started in the Texan in 1909, in which readers

share their opinions “concerning any matter of general interest they choose.” Just like in 1909, the Texan “will never express its approval or disapproval of opinions given under the [Firing Line] header.” In other words, take your shot.

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The Andrew Effect

“What’s the point of this article? ‘Hey, everyone, remember what UT drew national attention for?’ Maybe we should term the hysteria around Daily Texan articles infused with riveting quotes the ‘Andrew effect.’ Also, you misspelled Horacio’s last name 3 times.” – Shared via the Daily Texan website by online user “James,” in response to the column “How UT’s Student Government can (and will) overcome the Thor Lund scandal,” by Daily Texan columnist Andrew Wilson.

College May Not Be For Everyone

“College may not be for everyone, but everyone should have the option and skill sets to attend. AISD could be on to something.” - Shared via Twitter by Joshua Tang, history senior and campus coordinator for Longhorn Teach for America, in response to the editorial “AISD should use a realistic graduation plan for high school students.”

Slew of Scandals

“Dodds should go with [Mack Brown]. He has let the basketball program run itself into the ground. Not to mention the slew of scandals.” – Shared via Twitter by @JoRamFizzy in response to the tweet “Some tweeters are saying they think this will be Mack Brown’s last season. Do you agree?” by @thedailytexan

HORNS UP:
PRISON GUARDS STAND WITH INMATES



The union representing Texas’ prison guards declared its support for lawsuits filed on behalf of convicts against the lack of air conditioning in state prisons, which has been linked to the deaths of at least 14 prisoners. Although only a fraction of the state’s correctional officers are union members, the endorsement lends a great deal of credit and legitimacy to the prisoners’ case.

HORNS UP:
CITY COUNCIL AGAINST VOTER ID



We applaud the Austin City Council for announcing its unanimous opposition to Texas’ voter ID restrictions. The gesture itself does nothing to reverse the law’s passage, but it could lead to the city of Austin joining lawsuits against the measure.

COLUMN

Problems of American education extend beyond curriculum

By Mark Birkenstock
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AMERICA'S EDUCATION CRISIS

While students were away from the 40 Acres this summer, the State Board of Education met in July to begin deciding how to implement new amendments to House Bill 5 that will alter the graduation requirements of Texas high schools. This discussion forms part of a broader conversation going on right now about how America should handle the education of its citizens. According to the 2009 Program for International Student Assessment, the U.S. placed 11th out of 34 countries in the category of reading skill, and 24th in mathematics.

This crisis should cut deep for America, a nation that prides itself on its ability to excel in information technology and financial services. These industries depend on the preparation of an intelligent and creative workforce, which our education system is struggling to produce.

HB 5 AND THE COMMON CORE

One attempt to fix this is the Common Core curriculum, an overhaul of classroom content developed jointly by a majority of the states. And in Texas, which has not participated in the Common Core initiative, we have the changes to HB5, which are scheduled to be implemented in the 2014-15 school year. Unfortunately, it might be the case that neither of these options is what Texas and America really need to get our education systems back on the right track.

The problem with our schools is not one of

curricula, but one of misplaced political priorities and an unwillingness to adequately invest in our future. The changes enacted by the amendments to HB 5 may be a relief to beleaguered teachers, who will now need to prepare high school students for just five state standardized tests as opposed to the previous slate of 15. However, the plan also comes with reduced requirements in math, science and social studies, installing in their place elective “endorsements” in the humanities, science and technology, public services, business and industry or a fifth multidisciplinary option. These endorsements are similar to college majors, and students will be encouraged to think about their choice of endorsement as early as middle school.

While removing unnecessary tests is certainly good, the changes to graduation requirements represent a worrying trend that can be seen throughout American education – away from a well-rounded program and towards instruction that pumps specially skilled laborers into the workforce. This concern is deepened by the revelation that smaller schools may not be able to offer as many endorsements as better-equipped ones, creating a stratified landscape in which less fortunate students could be stuck with limited options.

“It will be problematic for these smaller schools, especially if they want to offer more than one endorsement,” education specialist Dean Munn told the Texas Tribune.

THE COMMON CORE: A SOLUTION?

On the other hand, the widely adopted Common Core scheme will represent a dramatic

increase in expectations for students. The concept is admirable: The challenging curriculum would provide all high school graduates with high-level skills in both math and English (the science and social studies standards are not yet completed) and a solid foundation for further education or a career.

If successful, we would expect the increased aptitude to carry over into the post-secondary level. Future UT students could graduate with skills that currently require extra years in grad school, and the U.S. would make great strides back toward the top in the international arena.

LACK OF FUNDING

Unfortunately, the reality is not likely to be so rosy. The Common Core, being led by a consortium of states, lacks any central source of funding to provide the universal resources needed for universal academic achievement. Instead, many states will be forced to compete for federal funds, for example via the Obama administration’s Race to the Top Fund, which awards grants based on the success of a state’s schools. This may lead to even greater stratification than the Texas plan as low-income areas struggle to produce the results needed to get funding, but without funding their results only fall even further.

The ideals of both plans are sound and well-considered, but they both fall short – as is so often the case – in finding funding to reach those ideals. While the introduction of endorsements should not be as traumatic as a total curriculum overhaul to meet Common Core standards, the change will still require a lot of work

and money.

Despite this, spending per student in Texas is projected to trend slightly downward in both 2014 and 2015, according to the Center for Public Policy Priorities. The state will provide a one-time injection of \$330 million to ease the transition, but so far there is no long-term plan to increase the spending per student. It seems that state legislators are talking a big game about education, but shying away from finding the robust funding needed to make it happen. They are putting the pressure on our schools and teachers to “make it work,” but are doing little to ensure that the schools have enough money to operate and that the teachers are getting paid. This inconsistency should give us pause: Are politicians actually concerned about our schools, or is education just another means for empty electioneering?

THE WAY FORWARD

American schools do not need new curricula. What they need is for citizens to stand up and demand more spending for education. While there are great ideas in both the Common Core and the new Texas plan, it is unlikely that there will be any real change without a major shift in our political priorities and in the amount of resources we appropriate for our schools. If voters make education their priority then elected officials will prioritize it as well. Once schools have enough money to serve every one of their students, choosing a curriculum will be a simple problem in comparison. Birkenstock is a linguistics junior from Long Island, N.Y.

VOLLEYBALL

Longhorns begin repeat run

By Evan Berkowitz
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The last time Texas volleyball took the court in a meaningful game, confetti showered the team following its national championship.

But when they travel to Hawaii this weekend for the Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational, there will be no confetti waiting in the rafters. Instead, it's the beginning of the grind to return to the top.

The Longhorns, led by head coach Jerrett Elliott, will play three games in 24 hours. Because of oceanic Time, all three games will be played on Saturday in Central Standard Time, starting with Hawaii and followed by UTEP and San Diego.

Texas hasn't fared well against those schools historically, only holding a winning record against UTEP (3-0). Hawaii traditionally dominates Texas, winning 10 of the teams' 12 matchups, while Texas and San Diego have split their two contests.

"It's an opportunity for us to get better," Elliott said. "It's an opportunity for us to compete."

While in Hawaii, the Longhorns won't need travel guides, as both of their liberos, Sarah Palmer and Kat Brooks, were raised in Hawaii.

"We are glad our team is here in our home state," Palmer said. "It will be fun showing them around."

Only one senior graduated from last season's national championship squad, Sha'dare McNeal,

“We are getting better on a daily basis. But obviously, we have a ways to go.”

—Jerrett Elliott, head coach

and it reflects in the polls. The Longhorns garnered 55 of the 60 votes in the AVCA Coaches Poll and will begin the season at No. 1 for the first time in program history.

"We have a lot of experience," Elliott told his team during a practice in Hawaii on Wednesday. "But we aren't going to be perfect on the first weekend."

In addition to an already deep roster, Elliott brought in a top-five ranked recruiting class for the eighth-straight season. Pilar Victoria, Chloe Collins and Chiaka Ogbogu will represent the new freshman class, while Tiffany Baker transferred from Tennessee.

Ogbogu led Coppel to the 5A state title, earning high school All-American honors and the Gatorade Texas Volleyball Player of the Year award. Ogbogu was also named to the MaxPreps high school All-American team.

Junior outside hitter Haley Eckerman was named the Big 12 Preseason Player of the Year, with outside hitter Bailey Webster and middle blocker Khat Bell joining Eckerman on the all-Big 12 team.

But with soaring expectations, Elliott wants his



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Junior middle blocker Khat Bell and the Texas volleyball team will begin their title-defending season this weekend at the Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Hawaii.

team to be able to enjoy the ride.

"We are getting better on a daily basis," Elliott

said. "But obviously we have a ways to go. I want us to have fun Friday night and not be so stressed out.

There's no pressure on us to be perfect this season. I said that from the very, very get go."

CROSS COUNTRY

Horns start 2013 season in Waco for Baylor meet

By Brittany Lamas
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Both the Texas men's and women's cross country teams will kick off their 2013 seasons this weekend in Waco at the Bear Twilight Invitational.

The men's team finished second at the Big 12 Championships last season, first in the NCAA South Central Regional Championships and ninth at the NCAA Championships last November.

This week, the men's team ranked No. 15 in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's preseason poll and ranked second in the South Central Regional poll. Texas' national spot marks the fourth-straight year the team has been ranked in the top 15.

Senior Ryan Dohner, a top NCAA finisher, will return to the Longhorns men's team. Dohner placed 19th overall at the national meet, fourth at the regional event and sixth at the Big 12 Championships.

The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association ranked the women's team No. 27 in the nation, but the Longhorns also secured a No. 2 ranking in the South Central Regional poll. The Longhorns finished third at the Big 12 Championships last season and second at the South Central Regional. At the NCAA Championship, the team placed 25th overall.

Senior Marielle Hall, who won the South Central Regional competition in 2012 and finished 23rd at the NCAA Championships, will return for her last season.

WEEKEND PREVIEW

SOCCER / BRITTANY LAMAS

Coming off a grueling double-overtime tie against South Florida, Texas soccer heads on its first road trip of the season to Oregon this weekend. There, the Longhorns will face Oregon State on Friday and Oregon on Sunday.

Texas is 1-0-1 so far on the season, beating Georgia in the opener 2-0 and tying South Florida last week. The Longhorns have outshot their opponents 35-14, managing an 18-9 shots-on-goal advantage.

Oregon State has yet to win a game this season, falling to Florida 3-1 and Florida State 1-0. Oregon started its season off strong with a 3-0 win against Portland State, but lost to No. 15 Portland, 2-1 in

overtime on Aug. 25.

In Texas' latest outing, scoring was hard to come by. The Longhorns put up only one shot on goal in the first half, and the team's lone goal came from Smith in the second half. Smith scored her first career goal on a free kick from 50 yards away to put Texas ahead, but South Florida equalized five minutes later. The game went into two goalless 15-minute overtimes, resulting in the tie.

In Oregon, the team will be led by junior Sharis Lachappelle, who recorded one assist and 10 total shots in the team's first two games, three of them on goal. Lachappelle had a career-high six shots against South Florida.

Sophomore midfielder

Lindsey Meyer, who has been productive so far with both a goal and "an" assist against Georgia, will also look to capitalize on chances this weekend.



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11 Shade of black

14 Fix, in carpentry

15 Undoubtedly

17 Dropped a line?

18 Olympians' food

19 Figures for investors

20 Animal that catches fish with its forepaws

21 Ward on a set

22 Shade of gray

24 Work

25 Annual with deep-pink flowers

28 Miles off

30 Tailor

33 Part of the Dept. of Labor

34 All-Star Martinez

35 "Guys and Dolls" composer/lyricist

37 Like dirty clothes, often

39 Secondary; Abbr.

40 The muscle of a muscle car, maybe

42 Soup scoop

43 Fill

44 Abba's genre

46 "Alice" actress

48 Kyrgyzstan's second-largest city

49 Game discs

53 Uncoachable, say

55 Quick session for a band

57 Springsteen hit with the lyric "Only you can cool my desire"

58 Noted graffiti artist

59 Viking, e.g.

60 Philosophize, say

61 Strike leader?

62 Breather

63 Trained groups

DOWN

1 Sights at the dentist's office

2 Three-time Olympic skating gold medalist

3 Georgia of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

4 1955 Pulitzer-winning poet

5 Rushed

6 Maxim

7 Pot and porn magazines, typically

8 Norton Sound city

9 Diplomat who wrote "The Tide of Nationalism"

10 Reform Party founder

11 Legitimate

12 Construction project that began in Rome

13 Rush

16 "Yeah... anyway"

23 Ultra sound?

26 Boolean operators

27 Charging things?

29 Ensnare, with "in"

30 "It wasn't meant to be"

PUZZLE BY BRENDAN EMMETT QUIGLEY

31 Literally, "the cottonwoods"

32 Those with will power?

36 Exactly 10 seconds, for the 100-yard dash

38 Spanish greeting

41 Tending to wear away

45 Illogically afraid

47 Draw (from)

50 Actor Werner of "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold"

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handle the film's quiet, emotional moments with the same intensity and sense of purpose that they bring to the bombastic, effective action scenes. The script from Lapeyre is involving and exciting, and he's got a knack for crafting likable, spunky characters that feel like real kids. PK, Jess and Kwon all talk with the fumbling stupidity and undeveloped fervor of adolescents, and Lapeyre's firm handle on the way kids behave

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with a proposition.

"[Bill and I] rented the building right across the street from Todd," local muralist Skagen said. "We tried to sell the mural idea to many businesses, and nobody understood what a good idea it was. Todd understood what a good idea it was."

According to Skagen, postcards of old Austin inspired the mural. The artwork came from an original postcard but Brakhage and Skagen made a few changes when creating the mural.

Sanders began fundraising efforts to restore the mural with the Color Squad, a group of artists whose ages range from 14 to 20 years old and who paint murals around

allows the film to cast them as war-weary soldiers all the more effectively.

The film's premise — letting kids with imaginary guns run amok — may inspire squirms, but the added stakes of the visuals and the smart tonal game the film plays make sure it roundly earns every mock-up assault rifle and hand grenade. While the war allows some of the players to delve into their worst impulses — on the rare occasions the cartoonish violence overlaps into reality — the film treats it with

Austin. Since Aug. 15, they have raised \$8,500 to cover preparation materials, paint and landscaping, though they hope to raise \$10,000 total.

When he isn't busy restoring some of Austin's iconic street art, Sanders creates original works inside of Roadhouse Relics.

Before learning how to bend neon, Sanders worked as a welder, a hot rod mechanic, an antique picker and a sign painter. He moved to Austin in 1992 to begin an apprenticeship at Ion Art, a custom neon sign and metal fabrication shop.

At first, Sanders did both commercial and fine art neon. But after noticing that many commercial neon pieces were being thrown away after businesses closed, he decided to drop the commercial aspect in

deft care, never letting things slip into ugliness.

"I Declare War" may be a entertaining action film, but more than that, it's an observant, authentic, coming-of-age film, perfectly capturing the potential of imagination. The compelling characters, vibrant dialogue and lively shootouts are more fully realized than you'd expect from a film in this genre, and Lapeyre and Wilson's tonally precise, exciting direction make "I Declare War" much more than a childhood lark.

2007 and focus on creating art.

"People thought I was nuts for closing down a profitable part of my business, but it's not about money; I make enough to survive on," Sanders said. "It's about being happy and satisfied, and so I did it, and now it's more popular than ever."

Using his creativity and a love for '30s and '40s neon sign design, Sanders blends vintage and modern influences to make his art. He laughingly calls himself a neon archaeologist and seeks out old trade journals to learn tips, tricks and secrets that have long been forgotten. The end result is modern art that remains reverent to the past.

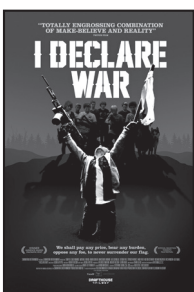
"I've seen examples of [neon art], but Todd developed this idea back in the '90s when it wasn't extremely popular and [he] has made it

what it is," Skagen said.

Sanders believes that neon art gives a person more than just an interesting object to look at.

"These are bold and gregarious, and you won't find anything like them. You might find an antique sign, but if you come here you'll find something that's kind of like a tattoo," Sanders said. "It's a graphic symbol that is all your own, colorful and one of a kind."

In the meantime, Sanders and his team of Color Squad artists are working to restore one of Austin's graphic symbols. Just beyond the sign's flaking paint, which is expected to be refreshed by October, is the neon-bending man behind the mural, creating original pieces of art inside of Roadhouse Relics.



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By DAVID OUELLET

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F	R	E	E	V	O	A	L	K	X	I	L	F	N	E
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LABOR DAY



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Celebrate Labor Day by keeping busy

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In true overzealous American fashion, we have found plenty of ways to work on the one day of the year dedicated to not working. Back at its introduction, Labor Day was meant to calm angry workers after the end of the Pullman Strike in 1894. Now it is more of an excuse for national sales and beer-drinking. Nonetheless, it is a day off school and a weekend that's as long as the first week of classes. Make the most of a whole extra day off with one of these leisure activities.

Do yoga
Instead of spending the

day cooped up inside overly air-conditioned classrooms and offices, spend it sweating in a steamy yoga studio. On Sept. 2, Austin's yoga teachers will be celebrating Labor Day by providing free yoga to the entire city. Traditional Bikram classes typically start at \$20 for a single session, so if cost has been keeping you out of the studio, kick back, relax and enjoy your day off with 90 minutes of 105-degree yoga. For a less-intense practice, try a Vinyasa flow class at one of Austin's many yoga studios.

Eat barbecue
Almost every holiday in Texas calls for barbecue. But, hey, it's your day off,

so don't bother cooking it yourself. Most of Austin's esteemed barbecue restaurants will remain open for business on Monday and will most likely be prepared for the onslaught of hungry customers demanding sausage and buckets full of cold pickle slices. Rudy's simple ordering system and extra-moist brisket is worth the short drive from campus. If you just want to grab some food to go, the Blue Ox BBQ off East Riverside Drive offers traditional barbecue fare from a trailer.

Shop the sales
Celebrate the fact that you don't work in retail (or that you at least have the day off)

by heading out to one of the many Labor Day sales being held Monday. Many retailers even have extended hours to accommodate the hordes of shoppers on the second-biggest sales day of the year. Hit the sales racks for sundresses and seersuckers that will be out of season in the fall and winter, or start stocking up on sweaters for when the weather (maybe) turns cold.

Wear white
It doesn't matter that the weather will remain in the triple digits for a few more weeks. After Labor Day, fashionistas will agree it is simply inappropriate to wear white. Rotate the warm fall tones they're always

referring to on Fashion Network to the front of your closet and start dressing in colors to match the changing leaves. Use Monday as your last day to wear white without public embarrassment. If you want to go all out, shoot for the Wimbledon look, sans tennis racket.

Float the Comal River
There is perhaps no greater expression of relaxation and laziness than driving to San Marcos and sitting in a circular tube in a cold river for hours on end. All you have to do for the duration of the voyage is lift drinks to your face and keep some sort of hold on the tubes of your group members. The most

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thrilling part of this venture is the tube chute, a section of the trip in which you float at a slightly faster pace. Eventually, the weather will cool down, so take Monday as an opportunity to sit atop a slowly moving river all day.

MOVIE REVIEW| 'I DECLARE WAR'

Film portrays child's war game

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The usual fare that plays at Fantastic Fest is hilariously brutal, pushing audience members to the limits of what they can reasonably handle, which makes it all the more interesting that the relatively bloodless "I Declare War" won the Audience Award at last year's festival. The film portrays children's games in a truly fantastical, wildly entertaining story about the dynamics of childhood and friendship. Over the course of a long, hot afternoon, two armies of adolescents play a game of war that takes on added relevance when filtered through their imaginations, which allows for massive machine guns,

bazookas and even superpowers. Gen. PK (Gage Munroe) has never lost a war, and his best friend Kwon (Siam Yu) is happy to follow the leader. When an opposing teammate, Skinner (Michael Friend) strikes out and takes Kwon hostage to win the war, PK must choose between his best friend and his perfect record. Without a single adult character to interact with, the child actors are forced to carry every moment of "I Declare War," and directors Jason Lapeyre — who also wrote the script — and Robert Wilson have assembled a consistently strong ensemble of youthful thespians. Munroe makes for a charismatic leader, full of bullheaded determination, but his PK is tragically flawed, and he plays

every note gracefully. The cartoonishly evil Skinner, on the other hand, fits cleanly into the box of the film's antagonist. However, the finale reveals that his villainy comes from a real, wounded place, and Friend makes the revelations land painfully. Mackenzie Munro plays Jess, the only girl in the game, and she's enormously charming and wily as her character navigates the boys-only terrain of war. Yu is more inconsistent, nailing the moments in which Kwon and PK are bonding, but struggling when he has to be intimidating or authoritative. The direction from Wilson and Lapeyre is stylish, casting a lot of action film tropes in new and creative ways, and they

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